

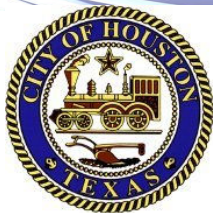
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Message from the Mayor

It is always a great pleasure to share our city's international developments with you. On August 1-3, Houston joins the State of Texas delegation that represents the United States among the other 120 nations participating in the 2005 World Exposition held in Aichi, Japan.



Bill White

We are honored to be part of the "Texas Days" celebration at the World Expo U.S. Pavilion. An estimated 15 million visitors from around the globe are able to see the very qualities that make Houston so great: the diversity of our communities, the strength of our business sectors, and the innovations in our technological and scientific industries.

As the *International Newsletter* marks its first six months in publication, we hope that the past issues have been informative and that future editions will continue to be a resource.

Bill White, Mayor

Message from the Director

July marked another international month for Houston! Our city hosted the first ever *All U.S.A. NED Alumni Convention*, the *2nd Annual Rwanda Convention*, and many other international events reflecting the diversity in Houston. It is my strong belief that the pride Houstonians have in our city is constantly reaffirmed by the compliments of our international guests, reflecting our reciprocal friendship around the world.



Helen T. Chang

"I would like to send my heartfelt appreciation, along with a big "THANK YOU" for the rousing welcome that the city of Houston gave to us."

Dr. S.F.A. Rafeeqi, Dean of NED University

The Office of International Affairs and Development is honored by these remarks and will continue to work closely with our friends abroad to promote Houston as a renowned international destination.

Helen T. Chang, Director of International Affairs & Development

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July 2005 Highlights



Council Member Green extends his welcome on behalf of Mayor Bill White to the Rwandan officials to host their future conventions here in Houston and to generate opportunities for cooperation.

2005 Rwanda National Convention in Houston

When we threw a party for our country's 229th birthday earlier last month, Houston was the site of another celebration. More than 800 delegates visited Houston on July 1-3, 2005, for the 2nd Annual Rwandan National Convention. One notable highlight in this year's convention was the visit by a delegation of Rwandan VIPs, led by Joseph Habineza, the nation's Minister of Youth, Culture, and Sports. The 9-member delegation also included the Rwandan ambassadors to the United States and the United Nations, The Hon. Zack Nsenga and The Hon. Jean Kamanzi.

On Friday, July 1, 2005, Houston City Council Member Ron Green received our international guests in a courtesy visit at City Hall. Joining Council Member Green in our welcome was Chris Wilmot, chairman

of the Greater Houston Convention & Visitors' Bureau. Minister Habineza discussed the strides Rwanda was making on the path to recovery, specifically in the realm of tourism development and real estate investment sectors. Council Member Green remarked on the tremendous growth of Houston and Harris County, how it translates to the booming housing market, and what the city has to offer in terms of service and expertise in the real estate market. Mr. Wilmot also shared his insights on the challenges and successes of Houston's tourism promotion effort. – **By David Chang**

Tianjin and Houston Foster New Cooperation

The City of Houston has long enjoyed its strong friendship with cities in China. From partner city agreements to education programs, these diverse ties are of special interest to Houston businesses and city leadership.

On July 14, 2005, City officials and business leaders met with a delegation from the City of Tianjin, China, led by Zhang Yunnian, director of the Tianjin Investment Promotion Center, to discuss the expansion of cooperation between our two cities. On July 21, 2005, a second delegation from Tianjin, led by Xin Li, general manager of Tianjin Economic Technological Development Area, visited Houston seeking to enter new partnerships and strategic alliances in the petroleum sector. Propelled into rapid technological and economic growth by projects and investment from the China central government, Tianjin is poised to become a major player in the petrochemical industry. With several new facilities whose storage capacity ranges in the millions of tons, Tianjin represents a new petrochemical center in China.

Houston, known as the "Energy Capital of the World," is home to many companies with ventures in the petroleum industry. Houston and Tianjin are remarkably similar cities. Both cities enjoy strong petrochemical sectors and a vast array of human resources; both cities are the forth-largest metro areas in their respective countries. Leaders in both cities are looking forward to a bright future of continued cooperation and friendship.

– **By Anna Valkovich**



Both cities' officials and business leaders discuss future cooperation between Houston and Tianjin.

All Routes Lead to Panama

ExpoTran 2005 was held in Panama City, Panama, on July 18-20, 2005. Prominent Canal authorities from all over the United States and Panama visited Panama's capital city to speak of and discuss everything from diverse modes of transportation to trade in the Far East. Both the First Panamanian Vice President Samuel Lewis Navarro and the Second Vice President Ruben Arosemena outlined Panama's resources in the public and private transportation sectors as well as its plans to expand capabilities in containerized cargo shipping from the Far East to the United States and

Europe.



Panama Canal

Special Thanks

Article submitted by former City of Houston Councilmember and former Board Member of the Panama Canal Commission Vince Ryan, who attended this three-day showcase and presentations.

Alberto Aleman Zubieta, administrator of the Panama Canal Authority, presented the Canal's excellent record of safety and efficiency since the transition along with Panama's plans for the expansion of the Canal in the near future. Next to Panama, the expansion of the Canal is more important to the Houston region than anywhere else in the world.

Upcoming Major Events



Plaza de Santamaría, Bogotá, the capital of Colombia

International Business Matchmaking Forum, A New Milestone

A landmark in a century of close partnership and friendship, a visit that firms up the bilateral commitment to promote business ties between a nation and city, His Excellency, President Alvaro Uribe of the Republic of Colombia will visit Houston on August 3-4, 2005.

Together with a delegation of officials and business leaders, the visit of President Uribe will include a *Colombian Oil and Gas Investment Roundtable* and a matchmaking seminar, held at the Inter-Continental Houston Hotel on August 3rd. The forum will provide a unique platform for Colombian and North American oil and gas

exploration and production companies, as well as upstream petroleum service providers to discover new opportunities and forge new partnerships. President Uribe's visit to Houston will not just bring new opportunities along oil and gas lines. It will provide an occasion to learn about the security, business climate, and investment in Colombia. We welcome His Excellency, President Alvaro Uribe, and the delegation to Houston, as well as the business opportunities between the two regions. – **By Dion Or**

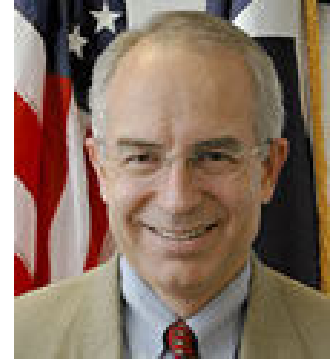
Did You Know?

Houston leads the state in all barometers of ties with Colombia. Air cargo trade between Houston and Columbia was valued at \$17 million in 1998. Seaborne trade through the Port of Houston that year was valued at \$722.3 million. There are currently 37 Houston firms with subsidiaries in Colombia while 140 Houston-area firms report doing business with Colombia.

Source: Greater Houston Partnership

Jeff Moseley Joins the Partnership

Jeff Moseley began his tenure as president and CEO of the Greater Houston Partnership on July 1, 2005. Prior to joining the Partnership, Mr. Moseley was the CEO of the Office of the Governor for Economic Development and Tourism. Under his leadership, Texas won the coveted Governor's Cup award from Site Selection magazine. The yearly award is given to the state that has the most facilities announcements for that year. During his tenure, Mr. Moseley was also instrumental in overseeing the \$295 million Texas Enterprise Fund, landing the \$3 billion Texas Instruments expansion, and closing the Citgo move to Houston.



Jeff Moseley, president and CEO of the Greater Houston Partnership.

In welcoming Mr. Moseley into our regional business community, on August 3, 2005, the Partnership will host a reception at the Hyatt Regency Hotel. Under his leadership, the Partnership will continue its vision for Houston's business community and building economic prosperity in the region.

Source: Greater Houston Partnership



Port of Houston

Stately Luncheon Keeps All Eyes On Port Successes

On August 4, 2005, the Greater Houston Partnership and the Transportation and Infrastructure Advisory Committee will present the annual *State of the Port Luncheon* at the Inter-Continental Hotel. The featured speaker is H. Thomas Kornegay, executive director of the Port of Houston Authority.

Mr. Kornegay, who is responsible for overseeing the day-to-day operations of the Port of Houston and for implementing policies and

directives given by the Port Commissioners, will be addressing the current and future activities at the Port's facilities. Recently, Mr. Kornegay was unanimously elected to the position of president of the International Association of Ports and Harbors. With his leadership and dedication, it is not surprising that the Houston Ship Channel is home to the largest petrochemical complex in the United States.

For more information, please call Theresa Rodriguez at (713) 844-3658. – **By Robert Dahnke**

Did You Know?

Connecting the Gulf of Mexico to Houston, the 50-mile-long ship channel sees almost 5,000 ships and 40,000 barges pass through annually. The 40-foot-deep, 400-foot-wide channel winds westward toward downtown past several terminals to the port, home to the largest petrochemical complex in the nation.

Source: Houston City Search

Welcome Back, Ambassador Untermeyer!

On August 5, 2005, the Houston World Affairs Council will host a luncheon featuring The Hon. Chase Untermeyer, U.S. Ambassador to Qatar, at the Westin Oaks Hotel. Ambassador Untermeyer will discuss extensive opportunities for Houston businesses in Qatar as well as joint U.S.-Qatari defense efforts and Middle East reform.

We are very excited to welcome Ambassador Untermeyer, a Houstonian, back to our city. A prominent member of the Houston community, he has held positions as reporter for the *Houston Chronicle*, state representative, member of the Houston Port Commission, chairman of the Texas State Board of Education, and vice-president of the University of Texas Health-Science Center-Houston. After serving as asst. secretary of the Navy under President Ronald Reagan

and senior White House aide under President George H. W. Bush, Ambassador Untermeyer was appointed U.S. ambassador to Qatar by President George W. Bush in 2004.

Qatar is vital to the petrochemical industry both at home and abroad. For more information, please contact (713) 522-7812.

– By Anna Valkovich



Ruled by the Al Thani family since the mid-1800s, Qatar is now an independent state with significant oil and natural gas revenues.

Did You Know?

American oil investments in Qatar account for \$60-70 billion in foreign investment. Houston-based companies such as Exxon-Mobile and Anadarko conduct major operations in Qatar.

2005 Trade Mission to China

Shanghai, Dalian, Tianjin and Beijing

Houston's relationship with Southeast and East Asia continues to grow rapidly, particularly in the port, airport, IT/ hi-tech, petrochemical and medical science sectors. With its eye on growth and in keeping with our mission statement to promote Houston on the international stage, we would like to announce that we are planning to lead a trade mission to China in late August to early September of 2005. The itinerary includes our largest trading partners and major cities of China: Shanghai, Dalian, Tianjin and Beijing.

The purpose of this trade mission is to promote Houston in these cities and to open wealth of opportunities for Houston. The mission will provide Houston companies with a unique opportunity to explore the emerging new business possibilities in China. For more information, please contact (713) 247-3595.

Did You Know?

- **Beijing**, site of the 2008 Olympic Games, is the capital and cultural heart of China.
- **Dalian**, the largest port and petrochemical base in northern China, is commonly referred to as "Northern Hong Kong".
- **Shanghai**, the financial capital and largest populated city in China, has the most prosperous seaport of China and is the home base of China Eastern Airlines and host to the 2010 World Expo.
- **Tianjin**, the country's fourth largest city and holds the title as the finest economic development zone of China, is designed as China's #1 petrochemical industrial base by the central government.

International Partnership Extends to the Caribbean Region

From October 25-27, 2005, Houston will host a trade mission delegation from Puerto Rico, bringing together professionals from industrial sectors such as construction materials, medical science, engineering, apparel, and education. Organized by the Puerto Rico Trade and Export Company (PRTC) and the Puerto Rico Federal Affairs Administration (PRFAA), the mission will strengthen the business ties between Houston and Puerto Rico.



Puerto Rico

Did You Know?

Puerto Rico is a commonwealth overseen by the United States, and with its own constitution and government system is essentially self-governing.

Source: Wikipedia

While in Houston, the PRFAA and PRTC will host the Puerto Rico Business Expo to promote initiatives that support local businesses and entrepreneurship, entrepreneur participants will not only visit the Port of Houston for an orientation on port operations, but they will also be provided with specific information about Houston's business climate and development. These initiatives are expected to facilitate future contracting possibilities.

– **By Anna Valkovich**

More Delegations from the Giant Market – China

The increasingly robust relationship between Houston and cities in China is once again on display with the upcoming arrival of three distinguished delegations to the city. Arriving in early August, Deputy Director Sun Chunxiao of the Beijing Municipal Government will be leading an eight-member delegation to discuss new developments in e-government cooperation along with public safety management.

The Houston-Shanghai partnerships will continue to expand when, in early September, a delegation headed by The Hon. Hao Tichuan, Governor of Jianshan District in Shanghai is scheduled to arrive. Governor Hao comes with a seven-member delegation to discuss Houston's petrochemical industry development and city planning.

In celebration of 10 years of Houston-Dalian city partnership and 20 years of sister port partnership, the City of Dalian will send a 50-member delegation to Houston.

These delegations serve as significant proof that Houston's relationships with cities in China are among the strongest in the country and are only getting stronger. – **By Anna Valkovich**

Did You Know?

In 2008, there will be total of 32 2008 Olympic venues in Beijing. Nineteen sites are under construction now.

A quarter of the world's construction cranes are stationed in Shanghai as Shanghai prepares for the 2010 World Expo.

Dalian is the largest petroleum port in China, and also the 3rd largest port overall. Accordingly, Dalian is a major center for oil refineries, diesel engineering, and chemical production.

Sister City Spotlight – Abu Dhabi **أبوظبي**

Beginning this month the International Newsletter will showcase each one of Houston's 16 sister cities around the globe with a closer look at these distinctive locales. This month we feature Abu Dhabi, the capital of United Arab Emirates.

The city of Abu Dhabi became Houston's 14th sister city in 2001. It is the federal capital of the United Arab Emirates (U.A.E.), a constitutional federation of seven emirates was established in 1971. The city dates back to 1769 when it was founded as a commercial port. Its strategic location allows it to be a major trade center for the Middle East region.

Houston and Abu Dhabi have a strong commercial relationship. A major energy city, Abu Dhabi ranks third in the world for oil reserves. At least 350 Houston-based companies trade with the U.A.E., and dozens of Houston

companies have offices in Abu Dhabi. In addition, Texas Children's Hospital has an

ongoing physicians program with the Ministry of Health of the U.A.E. In 2004, Houston's seaborne trade with the U.A.E. was valued at \$491 million, and trade with Abu Dhabi was valued at \$84 million.

The Houston-Abu Dhabi Sister City Association is composed of a group of dedicated volunteers under the leadership of its president, Ellen Goldberg. The association is committed to increasing economic and cultural ties between Houston and Abu Dhabi through hosting an annual breakfast meeting at the Offshore Technology Conference and

having co-sponsored events with the Bilateral U.S.-Arab Chamber of Commerce. For more information about the association's upcoming activities and how to become involved, please contact the Houston International Protocol Alliance at (713) 227-3395.

Did You Know?

Abu Dhabi is the largest of the seven emirates making up the United Arab Emirates and constitutes nearly 86.7% of the nation's total land area including nearly 200 islands. This makes Abu Dhabi the largest as well as the most populated of all the emirates.

The transformation from a small fishing village to one of the most modern cities in the world is solely because of the large amounts of revenues from oil in Abu Dhabi, which was first discovered a few decades ago. This newfound prosperity of the city is clearly reflected in its modern infrastructure, shopping complexes, and recently developed tourist attractions.

Source: <http://www.dubaicityguide.com/theguides/abudhabi.asp>



Map of the United Arab Emirates



City of Abu Dhabi

Meet the Consular Corps in Houston

Norway

This month we go north to speak with The Honorable Elisabeth Roderburg, Norwegian Consul General in Houston, to discuss everything from royal visits to energy technology.



Consul General
Elisabeth Roderburg

Consul General Roderburg has served the Norwegian Consulate General in Houston since 2003. She has worked with the Norwegian foreign service for approximately 25 years, serving as chief of staff for the Norwegian Minister of Trade and Economic Minister Counselor for the Norwegian Embassy in Washington, D.C.

Providing consular services for

Norwegians in nine states, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands, including the four to five thousand Norwegian nationals living in the Greater Houston area, Consul General Roderburg also works to facilitate business relations between American and Norwegian companies.

Consul General Roderburg's diplomatic work has taken her to many different parts of the world. Before coming to Houston, she lived in Paris and Washington, D.C. After living in Houston for two years, where she has fallen in love with the Rice University campus, Consul General Roderburg is still impressed by the enormity of the city. From the Texas Medical Center, the largest medical complex in the world, to the ship channel and immense petrochemical plants, **everything really does seem bigger in Texas!**

Like Houston, much of the Norwegian economy centers around the petroleum and energy sectors, which are Norway's largest industry accounting for over 20 percent of its GDP. Today, Norway is the third largest exporter of oil in the world as a result of the development efforts started 30 years ago by companies such as ConocoPhillips. As the "Energy Capital of the World," Houston also serves as a portal for business activities in the petroleum sector worldwide. Houston is an important partner for Norway for a second reason as

well: among the four largest shipping nations in tonnage worldwide, approximately 400 ships bearing the Norwegian flag call at the Port of Houston each year.

Norway is celebrating its 100th birthday this year! In commemoration of the centennial anniversary, numerous cultural events featuring everything from Norwegian dances and singing to exhibits at the Children's Museum have been held in Houston. In March, Mayor Bill White was pleased to receive a visit from Their Majesties King Harald V and Queen Sonja of Norway. The leaders discussed further cooperation in the energy sector as well as initiatives to protect the environment.

Consul General Roderburg enthusiastically predicts that the well-established and expanding relationship between Houston and Norway will soon grow to include areas such as medical science and education. As the home of the Texas Medical Center, Houston has much to offer Norway in medical facilities and expertise. The bilateral ties between Houston and Norway, including the active sister city relationship between Houston and Stavanger, will continue to grow in diversity. - **By Anna Valkovich**

Did You Know?

Norway is highly involved in the development of alternative forms of energy. An astounding 99% of Norwegian electricity comes from hydropower, and wind-power is already used to give electricity to an entire island off of Norway's coast. Researchers are also investigating wave-generation and hydrogen as other sources of power. Norwegian companies have ventures in this promising and vital sector, and the governments of the United States and Norway are working together to maintain and expand research and development in this area.

International Hub: Texas Medical Center



Texas Medical Center

The Texas Medical Center (TMC), which was established more than 60 years ago starting with two institutions, today has more than forty-three member institutions on campus. The member institutions consist of two medical

schools, four schools of nursing, a dental college, hundreds of degree-granting programs from seven allied university systems, 19 institutions with research capabilities, and 13 hospitals with over 6,000 licensed beds.

Each institution is governed by its own board of directors or trustees, but many activities are also carried out in concert. When desirable, the Texas Medical Center convenes appropriate councils to discuss common issues and then provide a consensus. In regards to international affairs, the TMC has established an International Affairs and Advisory Council consisting of representatives from each member of the 43 institutions' international departments. Its goals are to identify international partners and to engage in a medical program or a project with them as well as to have TMC's involvement and participation in such projects.

The international departments of each institution also have a program in place to assist visitors and patients with hotel arrangements, airport assistance and transportation; collection of medical reports for patients to take home upon discharge; follow-up on patients' future medical needs; and interpreters.

On May 19, 2005, a new International Medical Visitor Service Center at Bush Intercontinental Airport was unveiled. The service center, located on the ground floor of the international terminal, provides international patients and visitors with a comfortable

place to relax after a long flight, assistance in navigating them through the airport and finding transportation to their hotel or hospital.



Nagib Mustafa

Nagib Mustafa, International Attaché of the Texas Children's Hospital and Chairman of the Texas Medical Center International Affairs Advisory Council, said, "The International Affairs Advisory Council has

always been committed to providing superior service to international patients and visitors of the Texas Medical Center. The opening of this service center is just one of many efforts to achieve that goal."

Did You Know?

According to USNews *Best Hospitals 2005*, the Texas Medical Center received rankings as follows:

The Methodist Hospital: 19th in Psychiatry, 42nd in gynecology, 10th in neurology, 38th in orthopedics, 13th in urology.

Texas Children's Hospital: 4th in pediatrics.

Texas Heart Institute at St. Luke's Episcopal Hospital: 8th in cardiology.

TIRR (The Institute for Rehabilitation and Research): 5th in the category of rehabilitation.

The University of Texas M. D. Anderson Cancer Center: 2nd in cancer and in gynecology, 5th in otolaryngology and 11th in urology.

Source: <http://www.usnews.com>

Special Thanks

Article submitted by the Texas Medical Center.

International Frontier – Ned S. Holmes

Every month we focus on a Houstonian who has made an indelible mark on our city through outstanding contributions and service to the growth of Houston as an international city.



Ned S. Holmes

There are few people who better represent the phrase “Texas born, Texas bred” than Ned Holmes. Born in Houston and educated at the University of Texas and the University of Texas

School of Law, Ned Holmes has been actively involved with the City of Houston and its development his entire life.

An outdoor aficionado, Mr. Holmes serves on the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission. During his lifetime, Mr. Holmes has served on a number of organizations that have proven to be instrumental in the economic and cultural growth of the city. As a result of his passion for the port, he served as chairman of the Port of Houston Authority and on the Port Commission.

When asked how Houston has changed in an international sense during his lifetime, Mr. Holmes remarked that Houston has “always been, to some extent, international because of [the energy sector].” However, he also mentioned that the city has become increasingly visible and important due in no small part to the Port of Houston. The Port is an economic boon and is one of the major reasons that such a high number of countries retain consular offices in the city.

It follows that Mr. Holmes feels that one of his greatest achievements for the City of

Houston has been the deepening and widening of the Ship Channel. Having served on the Port Commission from 1987-2000, Mr. Holmes was instrumental in bringing the project to fruition. The project kept (and continues to keep) Houston competitive in ocean-based commerce.

The native Houstonian also enjoys the vibrant and diverse cultural opportunities the city has to offer. He sees diversity as “one of the real strengths [of the city].” With tastes ranging from Northern Italian to barbeque in the backyard, Mr. Holmes’ culinary interests span the globe; and, when asked which single international destination was his favorite, Mr. Holmes offered a list that spanned five continents!

Mr. Holmes is an important asset for Houston. Of the awards and recognitions that he has received, Mr. Holmes is most proud of his recognition as a “Distinguished Citizen,” awarded by the City of Houston. Poised to lead, it is evident that Ned Holmes will continue to be an invaluable resource for the city.

— **By Robert Dahnke**

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**Next Submission Deadline:
August 20, 2005**

August - 2005 Event Calendar

Date	Time	Event	Venue/Contact
Aug 3	4:30pm-6:00pm	Port of Houston Authority: Small Business Development Forum	Venue: POH Executive Building Contact: 713-670-2597
Aug 3	5:00pm-7:00pm	Greater Houston Partnership: Welcoming our new president and CEO, Jeff Moseley	Venue: Hyatt Regency Contact: 713-844-3695
Aug 3-4	--	Ministry of Energy and Mines National Hydrocarbons Agency of Republic of Colombia and Greater Houston Partnership: Colombia Oil and Gas Investment Roundtable	Venue: Inter-Continental Hotel Contact: 713-844-0236
Aug 4	7:30am	Houston Networking News: Breakfast Meeting	Venue: Amazon Grill Contact: 281-778-6662
Aug 4	11:30am	Transportation and Infrastructure Advisory Committee: State of the Port Luncheon	Venue: Inter-Continental Hotel Contact: 713-844-0258
Aug 5	7:00am-9:00am	Houston Technology Center: Tech Champs	Venue: HTC Contact: 713-658-1750
Aug 5	11:30am	Houston World Affairs Council: The US Stake in Qatar, Energy, Defense, and Middle East Reform	Venue: Westin Oaks Hotel Contact: 713-522-7812
Aug 6	6:30pm-9:30pm	Indo American Chamber of Commerce of Greater Houston: 6 th Annual Gala/Awards 2005	Venue: Westin Galleria Contact: 713-624-7131
Aug 7	11:30am-2:30pm	Houston Vietnamese Community: Celebrating academic achievements	Venue: Fu Kim Grand Palace Contact: 281-933-8118
Aug 12	7:00pm	Asia Society Texas: Long Life, Happiness, and Prosperity	Venue: Museum of Fine Arts Contact: 713-639-7515
Aug 12	8:00am-5:30pm	Texas Department of Insurance: Houston Small Business Health Fair	Venue: HESS Club Contact: 512-322-4322
Aug 10	11:30am-1:15pm	Asian Chamber of Commerce: Monthly Luncheon – Student Scholarship	Venue: Westin Galleria Hotel Contact: 713-782-7222
Aug 15-18	--	Delegation from Beijing led by Deputy Director Sun Chunxiao of the Beijing Municipal Government	Venue: -- Contact: Helen Chang 713-247-3595
Aug 18	11:30am	Chinese Community Center: Open House Reception	Venue: 9800 Town Park Contact: 713-271-6100
Aug 18	5:30pm	Interfaith Ministries for Greater Houston: A Night To Remember featuring Peter Yarrow and Noel Paul Stookey of Peter, Paul and Marry	Venue: Verizon Wireless Theatre Contact: www.imgh.org
Aug 24	6:00pm-8:00pm	BMC Software: Diversity Networking Reception	Venue: BMC Software Campus Contact: 713-271-7805
Aug 25	--	Holocaust Museum Houston: Sugihara, Japanese Righteous Gentile	Venue: Holocaust Museum Houston Contact: 713-942-8000

Aug 25	8:00am-noon	Greater Houston Partnership: Win-Win Negotiations workshop by Christina Humphries, Baker Communications	Venue: GHP Contact: 713-844-3693
Aug 25	6:00pm-8:30pm	City of Houston: The 169th Birthday of the City of Houston Celebration - Cool Summer Nights, Bright City Lights ... Houston! Houston!	Venue: The Wortham Theatre Contact: 713-722-7442
Aug 26-27	--	Asian Chamber of Commerce: Texas Asian American Business Symposium	Venue: Wyndham Anatole Contact: 713-782-7222
Aug 26	11:00am	GDAACC: Texas Asian American Business Symposium	Venue: Wyndham Anatole Hotel Contact: 972-241-8250
Aug 26	6:30pm	Asian American Bar Association: 2005 Gala and Silent Auction	Venue: Hotel Derek Contact: 713-221-2306
Aug 27	8:00am-noon	Houston A+ Challenge: Reach Out to Dropouts	Venue: HISD Contact: 713-658-1881
Aug 28	5:00pm	Vietnamese Community Services: 3rd Annual Gala	Venue: Ocean Palace Restaurant Contact: 281-236-5127
Aug 28-Sept 6	--	Mayor's Office, City of Houston: Trade Mission to China	Venue: Shanghai, Dalian, Tianjin and Beijing Contact: Helen Chang 713-247-3595
Aug 31-Sept 5	--	Houston World Affairs Council: Young Professionals Trip to Belize – Hidden Treasures	Venue: Belize Contact: 713-316-4474
Aug 31-Sept 2	--	NASA: 2005 NASA Small Business Solution Conference Invitational Meeting	Venue: Gilruth Center Contact: 281-483-4134



We have one simple goal: to promote Houston as a renowned international city.

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